

# IAS "PEP" Postdoctoral Exchange Programme Call 2025 - Exchange programme for postdoctoral fellows between IAS Warwick and IAS Luxembourg

# Launch Date: October 1, 2025 | Proposal Deadline: December 15, 2025 (2 PM CET)

The **Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) Luxembourg** invites applications for the 2025 PEP call, an academic exchange programme between the IAS at the University of Luxembourg (UL) and the University of Warwick (UW). This initiative promotes international mobility, interdisciplinary research, and long-term collaboration through postdoctoral fellowships.

### Purpose and goals:

The programme aims to foster international and interdisciplinary collaboration by enabling early-career researchers to work across academic fields and institutions. It encourages joint research between the IAS at UW and UL, supports interdisciplinary projects, and promotes career development through network expansion, exposure to diverse research settings, and the enhancement of academic skills.

#### Structure of the programme:

Both UW and UL will award **three** postdoctoral fellowships, each lasting **six months**. The maximum funding of a PEP project is  $20.000 \in$  (applicants for a fellowship at the University of Luxembourg) or 13.300 £ (applicants for a fellowship at the University of Warwick). Research should align with both the fellow's interests and the host institution's expertise, demonstrating added value through complementary skills or methods. Fellows will be supported by a dedicated mentor to facilitate their integration and academic engagement. Eligible are early-career researchers (Postdoctoral Researchers, Research Scientists and Research & Development Specialists) who successfully defended their doctoral thesis  $\leq$  7 years prior to 1 January of the year of the call.

#### A call for excellence:

The PEP call is open to all fields and sectors, emphasizing interdisciplinarity and the pursuit of excellence. Proposals must be supported by a UL or UW academic and will be reviewed by both IAS Committees.

### Key Milestones for 2025:

- October 1, 2025: Call opens.
- December 15, 2025 (2 PM CET): Final proposal submission.
- March 2026: Selection committee meeting (no pitch required).
- Mid-April 2026: Announcement of results.

#### Why participate in the PEP programme?

The PEP programme offers early-career researchers a unique opportunity to collaborate with emerging academic leaders at the forefront of innovation in Luxembourg and Warwick. Through this experience, you will engage in pioneering research, build meaningful international partnerships, and contribute to enhancing the UL and UW global reputation for research excellence.

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